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COUNTRY Austria

REPORT

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TOPIC 1. Deutsch Wagram Airfield

2. Strasshof Military Post

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EVALUATION

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15 May 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] 12 Pe-2s, at least 24 MiG-15s and 2 single-engine aircraft fitted with radial engines at Deutsch Wagram (P 49/S 50) airfield. There was air activity by MiG-15s from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in fair weather. The planes took off individually and in groups of two. MiG-15s fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks were observed towing air sleeves. The air sleeves were attached to a rope about 150 meters long which was fastened to the under side of the fuselage when the tow-planes took off. The air sleeve, which was about 15 meters long and 1.5 meters in diameter, was held by three men which followed the taxiing MiG-15 for a short distance. [redacted]

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[redacted] There was heavy truck traffic at the installation. About 20 meters north of the northern end of the runway [redacted] a radio truck fitted with a H-shaped radar antenna with an undetermined number of dipoles. Gun drill was being done at the AAA emplacement of six guns with funnel-shaped muzzles.

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2. [redacted] the barracks camp at Strasshof was occupied to capacity by air force units. Truck [redacted], driver with black-bordered blue epaulets, was seen there. Air force personnel was seen at a quartering building generally referred to as "large office", jeep [redacted] was parked there. About 26 trucks and 6 van-like trucks were observed at the camp near the edge of the woods southwest of the church. Trucks [redacted] were seen there.

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3. [redacted] an air force sentry near the aircraft repair shop on the Deutsch Wagram-Strasshof road at Deutsch Wagram. No activities were noticed at the installation. Ten tank trucks, 6 trucks and 3 van-like trucks were parked at the motor pool. [redacted]

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[redacted] numerous air force officers with ranks from senior lieutenant to lieutenant colonel and several women in front of buildings Nos 6 to 8 on Bockfliess Gasse, Jeep [redacted] was parked in front of the buildings, which probably housed a headquarters.

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[ ] Comment. Since mid-March 1953, Deutsch Wagram airfield had been occupied by a fighter and a bomber regiment. Since no changes were observed in the occupation of Aspern, Parndorf and Wiener Neustadt airfields, which are occupied by fighter units, it is believed that the fighter regiment at Deutsch Wagram did not arrive from Austria but from Hungary or the USSR. It may be that this regiment has become the third regiment of the fighter division in Aspern whose other two regiments are stationed in Aspern and Parndorf. The bomber regiment in Deutsch Wagram cannot have come from Goetzendorf because this regiment was observed at Goetzendorf on 28 March 1953. On the other hand there is a possibility that the bomber regiment stationed in Aspern until early March moved to Deutsch Wagram. [ ]

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